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Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration  
Attn: Mary Beth deBeau, Paralegal  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20436

Dear FEC General Counsel:

I am writing regarding Complaint MUR 7250, filed against me and others involved in the publication "We Take Our Stand—Montana Writers Protecting Public Lands."

I contributed photographs, for which I received no compensation, for the production of the publication "We Take Our Stand." This publication was inserted into three Montana newspapers in support of protecting Montana's Public Lands, and was also posted at the website [wetakeourstand.org](http://wetakeourstand.org). I am informed that this group registered as a committee with the FEC, Montana Writers for Public Lands.

I have now received a Notice from the FEC regarding Complaint MUR 7250 filed on May 24, 2017, by Joe Dooling, a long-time Montana political operative. This complaint was filed against me and the others who contributed to and organized this effort, claiming that by doing so we have violated the federal election laws, including the Federal Election Campaign Act.

I expressly DENY each and every claim made against me in the Complaint.

My involvement was limited to donating photographs to the effort. I did not participate in the management or operations of the group or its efforts, and I did not willingly or knowingly intend or attempt to avoid, breach, or run afoul of FEC or any other federal or state laws, regulations, or rules. By contributing I was exercising my First Amendment rights to free speech and free press by speaking out for public lands. I object to the complainant(s)' attempt to intimidate me for having done so or from doing so in the future.

I respectfully request that (1) no action be taken against me in response to the Complaint, and (2) the Complaint be dismissed with prejudice.

Please contact me via email at \_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven G  
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